

School Readiness

Mansfield has been a recipient of the State Department of Education School Readiness Grant since 1997. The School Readiness Grant allows children, ages 3 and 4, from families below State Median Income to have a high quality preschool experience.

Mansfield is currently reapplying for the School Readiness Grant for the fiscal year 2014. Currently, all of the School Readiness spaces are located at the four NAEYC accredited centers in town.

For more information about the School Readiness Grant opportunities for families and early childhood providers, please contact Kathleen Krider at 860 429 3338

Mansfield Advocates for Children (MAC) Update:

What is MAC? MAC is Mansfield's Early Childhood Collaborative that works to ensure that All Mansfield's children birth through eight are healthy successful learners connected to the community. MAC is generously funded by the William Caspar Graustein Memorial Fund and the State Department of Education.

In 2009, MAC published a comprehensive Community Plan for children birth to age 8, which addresses three domains: health, successful learning and community connectedness. The full Plan is under revision and can be viewed on the town web site. The Plan outlines trends in the data related to those three areas as well as strategies aimed at addressing areas of concern. Membership on MAC is open to anyone living in Mansfield or who works for an organization supporting families in town. For more information about MAC please contact Kathleen Krider at 860 429 3338 or kriderk@mansfieldct.org.

Did You Know...

...That any Connecticut resident can sign their child (4 months to age 5) up for the Ages and Stages Monitoring Program? This is a free program offered by the State of Connecticut Child Development Infoline and it is a great opportunity for you to learn more about your child's development. Should you decide to enroll, the Child Development Infoline will send you a questionnaire at specific intervals- 4 months, 6 months, 9 months, 12 months, 15 months, etc... You work with your child to complete the questionnaire on areas including health, behavior, development and learning and then return the results. The Child Development Infoline scores it and if there are any areas of concern they will contact you to discuss the results and their concerns. The more you know about your child's development, the better prepared you will be for your child's future! If you would like more information, you can contact The Child Development Infoline at 1.800.505.7000.